

TRADE TREATY WILL PASS HOUSE

Agreement to Go to Senate Later Part of Week.

HAS HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL

Indications Are That the Senate Will Either Kill the Reciprocity Agreement With Canada or Adjourn Without Taking Any Action—President Taft Hopes Public Sentiment Will Force Favorable Action.

Washington, Feb. 6.—By the latter part of the week the Canadian reciprocity agreement will have passed the house of representatives and be transmitted to the senate. The indications are that the pact will fail to pass the senate, although the administration is counting on public sentiment to force favorable action by that body before adjournment March 4. President Taft and his advisers are scheduled to make a number of speeches on reciprocity this month and they are hopeful such utterances will crystallize public sentiment in such a way as to induce senatorial opposition to permit the Canadian agreement to come to a vote.

Judging from correspondence received here since President Taft sent his special message to congress on the subject the Canadian agreement meets with popular approval. Furthermore, the great majority of the members of the house of representatives is favorable to it. It is known that a majority of the senators would vote for the pact if given opportunity to do so.

Senate Opposition Determined.

The opposition in the senate, however, is determined that the agreement shall not come to a vote at this session. Among those who are opposed to reciprocity along the lines of the agreement proposed by President Taft are regulars, progressives and a handful of Democrats. The opposition to the agreement in the senate is largely sectional, coming, in the main, from senators representing the agricultural states of the Northwest, the Intermountain states, Pacific Coast states, the New England states and from Democrats who are always protectionists when tariff measures are up for consideration.

A majority is always able to enforce its will in the house. For that reason the word of the leaders may be accepted that the Canadian agreement will be reported by the committee on ways and means and promptly passed under the provisions of a special rule limiting debate and providing a bar against amendments. The situation is different in the senate. In the senate a vote cannot be taken on a given measure as long as there is a disposition on the part of any senator to debate it. Accordingly, the opposition is in a position to prevent action at this session, owing to the few weeks remaining between now and adjournment March 4.

REBEL GENERAL IS EXECUTED

Leader of Haytian Revolutionists Captured and Shot by Troops.

Cape Haytien, Feb. 6.—General Montreuil Guillaume, who was one of the strongest supporters of former President Nord Alexis and was implicated in the executions at Port au Prince in March, 1908, was captured by the government troops near here and shot to death.

General Guillaume was one of the leaders in the present rising against President Simon. At the head of the revolutionists he seized the town of Trou a few days ago and was advancing to attack Cape Haytien. Government troops, which had been hurried to the disaffected districts, took the revolutionists by surprise, arrested General Guillaume, and he was executed according to the military code at 5 o'clock in the morning.

BARRELS OF BURNING OIL

Spectacular Fire in New Jersey Town. Fought by Fireboats.

New York, Feb. 6.—Weehawken, N. J., was the scene of a threatening and spectacular oil fire which required in addition to the local fire department, the fireboat service from New York to keep it from spreading along the docks through a small forest of shipping.

The fire broke out in a storehouse in the Erie railroad yards which contained 10,000 barrels of lubricating oil owned by the Vacuum Oil company of Rochester, N. Y. Within a few hours a levee was leveled to the ground. Several persons occurred.

The loss of the oil is estimated at \$150,000 and on the railroad property \$75,000.

The Thrifty Swiss. Beggers are few in Switzerland, and four-fifths of the adults there have bank accounts.

Picture Show Is Robbed.

Duluth, Feb. 6.—H. C. Hadfield, proprietor of the Savoy theater, a moving picture show, reported to the police that he had been robbed of nearly \$700. The money was left in a satchel in the theater. The satchel was locked and the money was obtained by cutting the leather.

PLAGUE CREATES TERRIBLE HAVOC

Thousands of Chinese and Russians Perish in Manchuria.

BODIES BURIED OR BURNED

Stricken Ones Forced Into the Streets to Starve or Freeze, or Die From the Swift and Deadly Attack the Disease Makes Upon Its Victims. Doctors and Nurses Suffer in Spite of Sanitary Precautions.

Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 6.—Already nearly 6,000 bodies of victims of the plague have been buried or burned in the outskirts of Harbin. Forty-eight hundred of these came from the Chinese town and a thousand from the Russian quarter. Sixteen stacks of coffins and seven pits filled with bodies and oiled logs blazed outside the town.

The mortality among the physicians and the hospital attendants is high, considering the means taken for their protection, and doctors, nurses and orderlies are succumbing to the disease. The sanitary authorities hope soon to test serum of their own manufacture from the Manchuria bacilli, as the foreign importations have proved ineffective.

The happenings in Europe in the Seventeenth century, when the "black death" swept through the country, are being repeated here. Fears bordering on panic have gripped the Chinese. At first they defied the medical officers and kept their sick and dead hidden for the purpose of carrying out the ancient funeral rites. Now it is brother against brother, father against son.

The stricken ones are forced into the streets, to starve or freeze, or to fall perishing from the swift and deadly attack the plague makes upon its victims. Passersby avoid them, but sometimes those engaged in sanitary work, masked and bandaged, reach them before they die and cart them to the pesthouse, or, if they are dead, to the funeral pyres. Not infrequently an outcast is to be seen kneeling and making his obeisance before the grave of an ancestor, in sight of a pile of bodies of which he is soon to become one.

It is reported that the plague has appeared in Transbaikalia, a region in the western part of the general government of the Amur, in East Siberia.

GENERAL CRONJE IS DEAD

Commanded Boer Army in Latest South African War.

Klerksdorp, Transvaal, Feb. 6.—General Piet A. Cronje, the noted Boer general, is dead.

General Cronje commanded the Western army of the South African republics in the recent war. After numerous reverses the British government sent out Field Marshal Lord Roberts and General Lord Kitchener, with thousands of fresh troops, to put down the Boers. All their arrangements were completed by the early part of February, 1900. General Cronje and his Boer forces were too greatly outnumbered to withstand the avalanche which fell upon them.

Cronje was brought to bay at a point on the Modder river near Paardeberg, where he defended himself for nine days in a position that was impregnable to assault, but greatly exposed to artillery fire from the surrounding heights. After suffering to such a degree that his men would endure no more Cronje surrendered. The prisoners numbered 4,000. He was born about 1835.

TWO MILLION ARE IN PERIL

Famine Situation in Two Chinese Provinces Most Serious.

London, Feb. 6.—Shanghai dispatches to a news agency here set forth the situation due to famine in the provinces of Nganhwei and Kiangsi as most serious. Information received at Shanghai indicates that thousands are perishing from starvation, the dead remaining unburied.

Fears are entertained for the safety of many American missionaries. It is stated that nearly 2,000,000 people are in danger of death unless prompt relief is forthcoming.

DOG CAUSES MISTRESS' DEATH

Pulls Gas Tubing From Lamp and Girl Is Found Lifeless.

New York, Feb. 6.—Rags, a little pet dog, belonging to Miss Elsa Maxter, caused the death of his mistress and himself through his playfulness.

Miss Maxter, after reading a while, dropped off into a dose, leaving a lamp burning on the table. When his mistress dozed off Rags began to frolic. It is supposed, in jumping about, he either grabbed with his teeth or pulled the gas tubing from the lamp, allowing the fumes to escape and fill the room. Both the young lady and dog were found dead.

MRS. ALMA W. POWELL.

Her Famous Trouserettes Exhibited at Women's Club Meeting.



HER TROUSERETTES ON VIEW

Mrs. Powell Appears in Them Before Club Presidents.

New York, Feb. 6.—There were two revelations equally startling, for wholly different reasons, at the reception to club presidents by the Rainy Daisies at the Hotel Astor. The first was Mrs. Alma Webster Powell's new famous trouserettes, the second the \$700 diamond badge designed for Mrs. Belle de Rivera when she bids farewell to the presidency of the New York city federation before the general election.

Each exhibit was a fleeting vision. Mrs. Powell's trouserettes were deftly concealed beneath a skirt, but a twitch of the petticoat and the murder was out.

HARMON HUSTLING FOR THE NOMINATION

Ohio Governor Has Ambition to Become President.

Cincinnati, Feb. 6.—Governor Judson Harmon has decided that he is going to go right after the nomination of the Democratic party for president. In fact, he is so decided as to that matter that he will use a special committee, organized in Cincinnati a week ago, to conduct his boom from the start and to keep hammering away at the people until the Democratic national convention meets. He is not saying much about his candidacy just yet, because he wants this committee to do some work, and is to leave all talking for him to be done through this office.

The chief of this department will be Hugh L. Nichols, the chairman of the Ohio state Democratic campaign committee, and the man who is looked upon in Ohio as being the next governor of the state, if Harmon is nominated. Lieutenant Governor Atlee Pomeroy has been elected to the United States senate, and this leaves Harmon's successor to be chosen by him.

Harmon's fight is not to be a bitter warfare against any man, according to Chairman Nichols. He says the governor does not intend to take part in any controversy with anybody.

SEGREGATION IS INVALID

Baltimore Ordinance Knocked Out by Courts.

Baltimore, Feb. 6.—The negro segregation ordinance was in court on the demurrer to an indictment under which the validity of the measure was being tested. Judges Harlan and Duffy ordered the whole proceedings thrown out of court.

The order brands as null and void the ordinance and puts a stop to all prosecutions that have been taken under it. The demurrer which was upheld was on the ground of a defect in the title of the measure, the point made being sustained by the trial of this specific case, which had been selected as a test and it was immediately ended.

The ruling came after an admission by State's Attorney Owens that the ordinance was not valid.

JAP MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

Desired to Conduct Union Restaurant at Seattle.

Seattle, Feb. 6.—The plan of a Japanese restaurant keeper to conduct his establishment as a union house, employing union cooks and waiters, and cashiers, will probably fail, because of the opposition of the union waitresses to working for a Japanese. The proprietor of the restaurant has just completed rebuilding his place. All of the work was done by union carpenters and painters. He has applied to the Cooks and Waiters' union, whose members are affiliated with the Asiatic Exclusion league, for recognition as a union restaurant and has asked the unions to supply him with help.

Siam Fond of Bronze Casting.

Bronze casting was taken into Siam by the Chinese in the eleventh century. It is still one of Siam's principal home industries, chiefly in making bronze Buddhas.

TARIFF TREATY SPLIT CONGRESS

Taft's Reciprocity Agreement With Canada Caused Trouble.

NO ACTION ON IT EXPECTED.

Negro Shown to Be a Power Politically by Objections to Election of Senators by Direct Vote—Congress Shows Strong Tendency Toward the Eight Hour Day.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Washington, Feb. 7.—[Special.]—President Taft could not have thrown into congress anything that would have caused quite so many divisions among parties as that reciprocity agreement with Canada. Stand pat Republicans were divided, insurgent Republicans were divided, and Democrats were divided. It is true that the agreement did not have many real friends in congress. It had a lot of supporters, men who were for it because it was an administration measure, but there were mighty few real enthusiasts.

Then there is an element in congress which does not like to have the executive department make a tariff and send it to congress to be ratified.

It is probable that the Canadian agreement weakened two Taft policies, the tariff commission and revision schedule by schedule. The agreement with Canada affected different regions, some in taking away their protection and others in affording a better market. Just because different sections were harmed and others benefited the point has been made that the same results would follow revision by a commission or by a schedule at a time.

Meanwhile no one expects any action to be taken on the Canadian agreement at this session.

Negro Power in Politics.

When the proposition for the election of senators by direct vote came before the senate there was every indication that it would command the necessary two-thirds vote and might be speedily passed. Then the Negro issue was raised.

Senators opposed to the amendment, or parts of it, pointed out that one provision in the resolution was a tacit acquiescence in the repeal of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution, which we adopted to insure Negroes the privileges of voting. As a result there was a long period of waiting.

From different sections of the country came reports of apprehension on the part of Negro leaders. It was evident that the Negro is a power in many states even if he is no longer much of a factor in the south.

Tendency Toward Eight Hours.

Every time there is an opportunity congress takes a step in the direction of extending the eight hour principle to as many branches of the government service as possible. By opportunity is meant whenever a direct vote on such propositions can be obtained.

The house failed to make it certain that letter carriers would work but eight hours, but the senate intends to make it plain that such carriers shall never work more than eight hours a day. If they should by a contingency or extraordinary circumstance be compelled to work more than eight hours at any given time they are to be allowed time off to make up for the overwork.

Did Not Take It Seriously.

When the bill for a tariff board passed the house it was evident that the members did not take it seriously. About the only serious thing in the whole affair were the divisions which developed in the parties. On final passage all the Republicans lined up for the bill, but only a few of them really cared anything about it. The large majority of them were for it because President Taft wanted it and it was an administration measure.

The most interesting feature of the day when the bill passed was the wit and repartee produced. A number of members were at their best, and they seemed inclined to take a day off and have fun.

Among those who made bright remarks and whose speeches contributed to the gaiety of the house proceedings were Clark and Rucker of Missouri, Payne and Fitzgerald of New York, Campbell of Kansas, James and Langley of Kentucky, Sims of Tennessee, Hardwick of Georgia, Kitchin of North Carolina, Clayton of Alabama, Cullop of Indiana and Hughes of New Jersey.

Does Not Talk on the Telephone.

Nearly every day some man calls up the White House and asks to talk to the president on the telephone. He is informed that the president does not talk on the telephone.

That has always been the rule at the White House in every administration. If there is anything urgent Secretary Norton will take the message and return the president's reply; otherwise the president will have the man come to the White House and talk with him.

May Hold It Up.

The intention to have a provision for a limited parcels post in the postoffice appropriation bill may be abandoned on account of the protests that are being received. The country merchants are making a determined effort to prevent the parcels post on rural routes from becoming an entering wedge for establishing it on all mail routes.

Odd Reminder.

"Imogen, your hair reminds me of Syracuse." "Pray, why?" "Because it's so near Auburn."—Cornell Widow.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

Englishman's Weakness Causes Alarm in House of Commons.



CHAMBERLAIN IS VERY WEAK

When Sworn In as Member of House He Could Not Sign Name.

London, Feb. 6.—Considerable alarm is felt here regarding the condition of Joseph Chamberlain. Led by his son, Austen Chamberlain, and Lieutenant Colonel Arthur H. Lee, he was sworn in as a member of the house of commons.

The Birmingham apostle of protection was so weak that he only was able to touch the pen and his son signed his father's name.

Mr. Chamberlain's mind seemed bright, but his voice was very weak. He wore the customary orchid in his buttonhole, but eyeglasses instead of the familiar monocle.

MEXICAN REGULARS MARCH INTO JUAREZ

Doubtful Whether Rebels Will Now Attack City.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 6.—Colonel Rabago and his command of 300 federals entered the city of Juarez unmolested by the insurgents. They were received with joyful acclaim by the people of the city.

The star of the insurgents' leader, Pasqual Orozco, who was to occupy the city of Juarez, appears to be on the wane. His policy of delay has enabled reinforcements to reach Juarez and the probability of taking that city is now considered much more remote.

Other reinforcements, in the shape of General Navarro's column, are en route from Chihuahua and it is expected here the federalists will be able to hold their city and that knowing this the insurgents will retire. There is a rumor that the insurgents are near Juarez but this cannot be verified.

The net result of a battle at Bauche between Orozco and Rabago was two killed and five wounded among the insurgents. The federal loss cannot be learned as they carried their wounded with them, but it was reported 170 had been killed.

No definite estimate of casualties in the fighting can be secured. A Red Cross train returned with twenty men and children refugees, found near the scene of the battle, and officials reported they could not reach the battleground because the federalists refused to recognize the Red Cross flag.

BAD STORM IN NORTHWEST

Disturbance Reaches From Wyoming to Indiana.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—A snow and wind storm, reaching almost the severity of a blizzard, covers the Middle West and the lake regions. The storm reaches from Southwestern Wyoming, Missouri and east to include Indiana.

In this city the snow fell at the rate of an inch an hour, accompanied by an east wind that reached the velocity of forty miles an hour.

The temperature remained near 24 degrees. The storm is due to increase with sleet and rain, accompanied by an easterly gale, according to the United States weather forecast.

Suffocated by Coal Gas.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—While the mounted police were near Lake Coteau, in the Outlook district, Saskatchewan, they came across a stable in which were several half starved animals. Upon further investigation they forced their way into the house, where they met a ghastly sight. John and Andrew Peterson were found dead, suffocated by inhaling coal gas.

Minnesota a Big Winner.

Columbus, O., Feb. 6.—Minnesota was a big winner at the national corn show, taking several firsts in various classes and many seconds and thirds. The state also stands well as an exhibitor, its display of grains, grasses, soils, etc., being among the very best shown at the exposition.

It's faith in something and enthusiasm in something that make life worth looking at.—O. W. Holmes.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS POPULAR

YOUTH ASSAULTS AGED MAN

Quarrel in Barn May Result in Death of Woodman.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 6.—In Goshaw's logging camp, near Jim Falls, fourteen miles north of here, Fred Smith, aged twenty-three, and Abe White, aged sixty-four, became involved in a quarrel. Smith, it is said, jumped out of a hay mow and, seizing a shovel, beat the old man over the head until insensible.

White was taken to a hospital with sixteen cuts on his head and face. He is unconscious with concussion of the brain and is not expected to live. Smith walked into District Attorney Wiley's office and surrendered and he was placed in jail. The only explanation he gave was that the old fellow was always telling the youth how easy he could whip him. "For once in his life," said Smith, "I thought I would show him he couldn't."

LEMMON LAND OFFICE LEADS

South Dakota Town Does Banner Business of Year.

Aberdeen, S. D., Feb. 6.—Government reports show the United States land office at Lemmon did the largest business of any government land office in the United States in 1910. There are 103 government land offices in the country.

All the offices showed tremendous gains, the Lemmon office ranking first in receipts, with 8,470 entries, covering \$77,218.02 acres, with receipts of \$382,959.73; Great Falls first in entries and acreage, with 9,677 and 2,064,502.06 respectively, but with receipts of but \$239,475.97, while Rapid City was third, with entries of 6,423, acreage of 691,561.78 and receipts of \$242,814.27.

CHICAGO RECTOR'S HELD UP

Masked Man Obtains \$3,300 From Cashier of Restaurant.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Rector's restaurant, one of the best known of Chicago's downtown cafes, was held up and the cashier robbed of \$3,300 by a masked man who pointed two revolvers at the employees, secured the receipts and escaped. There were no patrons in the cafe during the holdup.

The robber took the time when the restaurant would have the fewest persons present and for this reason is believed to have been some one familiar with the customs of the place. The cashier, John P. Adams, who was forced to hand over the money, believes him to have been a former employee.

Veteran Actor Is Dead.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—John W. Blaisdell, veteran actor and matinee idol of a generation ago, died at his home. Mr. Blaisdell retired from the stage ten years ago and since then had lived in this city.

WOMAN FOUND NOT GUILTY

Acquitted on Charge of Murdering Her Husband.

Jamestown, N. D., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Justine Gaztke, who has been on trial in district court here for the past four days on a charge of the murder of her husband, was acquitted.

The verdict was read in court immediately after it was returned by the jury and the woman, accompanied by her three little girls, who had been with her throughout the trial, went to the home of her attorney C. S. Buck. She says that she intends to get a home in Jamestown and start to work soon to support her children.

All of the evidence against the woman was circumstantial.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Feb. 4.—Wheat—May, \$1.02½@1.03½; July, \$1.03½@1.04½. On track—No. 1 hard, \$1.04½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.01½@1.03½; No. 2 Northern, 99c@1.01½; No. 3 Northern, 96c@1.00.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Feb. 4.—Wheat—To arrive and on track—No. 1 hard, \$1.04½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.03½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.00½@1.01½; May, \$1.04½@1.04½; July, \$1.04½. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$2.65; May, \$2.65.

St. Paul Live Stock.

St. Paul, Feb. 4.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$5.50@5.60; fair to good, \$5.00@5.50; good to choice cows and heifers, \$4.50@5.25; bays, \$6.00@6.50. Hogs—\$7.40@7.45. Sheep—Wethers, \$3.00@4.00; yearlings, \$4.00@5.00; spring lambs, \$5.00@5.50.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Wheat—May, 96c; July, 93½c; Sept., 92½c. Corn—May, 50@50½c; July, 51c; Sept., 51½c. Oats—May, 33@33½c; July, 32½c; Sept., 32½@32½c. Pork—May, \$18.25; July, \$17.60. Butter—Creameries, 17@25c; dairies, 16@25c. Eggs—15½@22c. Poultry—Turkeys, 15c; chickens, 13c; springs, 12½c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Cattle—Beaves, \$4.80@6.80; Texas steers, \$4.00@5.25; Western steers, \$4.30@6.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.70@5.65; cows and heifers, \$2.60@5.75; calves, \$6.50@8.00. Hogs—Light, \$7.50@7.85; mixed, \$7.35@7.70; heavy, \$7.05@7.55; rough, \$7.05@7.25; good to choice heavy, \$7.25@7.55; pigs, \$7.50@7.90. Sheep—Native, \$2.40@4.30; yearlings, \$4.40@5.50; lambs, \$4.25@6.10.

Deposits Total \$60,000 in First Month's Operation.

SYSTEM WILL BE EXTENDED

Postmaster General Hitchcock Highly Gratified at the Showing Made in Such Brief Time—Asks Congress for One Million Dollars for Immediate Use in Establishing Additional Savings Departments.

Washington, Feb. 6.—"If the necessary appropriations were available I would establish postal savings banks at once in 500 additional cities and towns in the United States."

This statement was made by Postmaster General Hitchcock in view of reports thus far received concerning the first month's operation of the postal savings system. The reports are most gratifying to Mr. Hitchcock.

The certificate of deposit plan, which is an innovation in the transaction of postal savings business, is shown to be admirably adapted to its purpose.

The total deposits in the forty-eight existing postal banks for January will amount to approximately \$60,000. This is an average of about \$1,200. Assuming that this average will be maintained throughout the year the aggregate of annual deposits will be close to \$750,000. This, too, will be the situation in the small offices where the banks now are in operation. It is assumed that the deposits will be correspondingly greater when the service is extended to first class offices.

The average amount of deposits being received at each office, as indicated by the January returns, is larger than the corresponding average for the British system of postal savings depositors in 1908, the most successful year in the history of that system.

A large majority of the depositors in January were foreign Americans, many of whom have been in the habit of sending their savings to their native countries for deposit. An important result of the system, therefore, is to diminish the outflow from the United States.

In view of this showing Postmaster General Hitchcock has recommended to congress the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be immediately available for the extension of the system to a considerable number of postoffices.

HITCHCOCK IS VERY ANGRY

Reorganization of Railway Mail Service Probable.

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The school board will hold its regu-
lar monthly session this evening.
Mrs. William Jack and children re-
turned home this afternoon to Lenox.
Howard M. Smith, division store-
keeper at Staples, was in the city to-
day.

Albert Johnson, of Pequot, is in
the city today attending to business
matters.

R. A. Wilson, clerk of the Wil-
lard hotel of Aitkin, spent Sunday in
Brainerd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith re-
turned this afternoon from a visit at
Ft. Ripley.

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County Superintendent of Schools
R. F. Ross, of Pillager, was in the
city Sunday.

A. Swanson, of Walla Walla,
Wash., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
W. L. Smith.

J. D. Ackerson commenced work
on a drill four miles south of town
this morning.

The Misses Sadie Anderson and
Letha Burchardt, of Pequot, arrived
in the city this noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Greeno re-
turned this afternoon from a visit
with his parents at Staples.

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Co. C. D. Johnson, after a two
day's visit in Brainerd, returned this
afternoon to his duties in the legisla-
ture.

Mrs. J. McCarthy and daughter,
Miss Agnes M. McCarthy, returned
this noon from a short visit at Du-
luth.

Miss Molly Johnson, the guest of
her friend, Miss Selma Woerner, re-
turned this afternoon to her home in
Motley.

Mrs. Maud Glass, of Aitkin, is vi-
siting her mother, Mrs. Way, who lives
with her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Mc-
Quillin.

Coming! On Friday evening, Feb.
24th, a Poverty social, at Walker's
hall, to be given by the Presbyterian
Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Hattie McQuillin, of 709 S.
Seventh street, the popular dress-
maker, shipped seven suits out of the
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Mrs. Albert Zahn expects her two
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The weather report for today
reads: "Threatening, with light
snow tonight or Tuesday. Not much
change in temperature."

George Vogel has been engaged as
a bookkeeper of the Water and Light
board and has assumed his duties in
the office at the city hall.

H. K. Bishop, a surveyor and civil
engineer of the Rogers, Brown Ore
Co., of Deerwood, spent Sunday in
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Ginn & Smith's. 2091f

Mrs. Flora Felver, of Maple Grove
township, paid the Dispatch a pleas-
ant visit on Saturday. She is one of
the old subscribers of the Dispatch.

The political pot is asid to be
sizzling at Crosby. The spring elec-
tion occurring in March will be a
battle royal between two factions.

Victor Engman, of Deerwood, was
in the city today.

D. Brown, of Little Falls, was in
the city yesterday.

Miss Jennie Porter, of Crow Wing,
returned home today.

Handsome line of valentines at H.
P. Dunn's. 20912

Joe Vogl, of St. Mathias, was in
the city trading today.

Mrs. S. B. Christopher went to
Pequot this afternoon.

George W. Lucas, of Deerwood, vi-
sited his parents on Sunday.

George Fleischacker, of Daggett
Brook, visited Brainerd today.

H. Rogers, of the Deerwood assay
office, was in the city Sunday.

Joe Feneis, manager of the Pequot
creamery, is in the city today.

See H. P. Dunn's window display
of valentines. 20912

Miss Rachel Thompson is visiting
her sister, Mrs. J. D. Ackerson.

Ed. Peters, of the Kimball Piano
Co., went to Fargo this afternoon.



In the city Saturday making arrange-
ments for the appearance of his play
in Brainerd on Thursday evening,
February 16th.

The regular monthly business of
the W. C. T. U. will be held tomor-
row afternoon at three o'clock at the
Y. M. C. A. parlors. All members are
expected to be present and all visi-
tors are welcome.

Everett McQuillin, who runs the
moving picture show machines at
Aitkin and Cuyuna, visited his par-
ents on South Seventh street for a
few days last week, and returned to
his work Saturday.

John Larson is local agent for
Stott Biquets, a new and very econ-
omical fuel. A car load has just
arrived. Send in an order and try
it. 158-1f

Mrs. M. A. Billings, who had her
head severely burned three weeks
ago by having her celluloid comb
catch fire from an oil heater stove
still has her head in bandages, but
is improving slowly.

The Elks lodge placed a suitable
card in the Ransford hotel lobby an-
nouncing their meeting nights and
which notice will serve to draw the
attention of the many visiting com-
mercial brethren to the order.

Schmidt's bottle beer, famous for
quality. Order a case. Telephone
164. John Coates Liquor Co. 208-1f

The board of county commissioners
will meet tomorrow morning at the
county auditor's office. One of the
matters interesting property owners
of the county will be their disposi-
tion of the poor farm question.

It is said that the farmers of Crow
Wing and St. Mathias are about to
get together to build a telephone line
connecting with the Long Lake lines.
Farmers in the vicinity of these two
villages are discussing the matter.

Modern plumbing and heating,
water and sewer connections, at
lowest prices. Get our estimates.
D. M. Clark & Co. 1101f

Harold W. Huston, socialist candi-
date for governor of West Virginia,
will speak Tuesday evening, Febru-
ary 7th, at the Citizens State bank
hall. Following the lecture the
Young Peoples Socialist league will
give a dance.

The benefit dance given by the Red-
men on Friday evening at Elks hall
was largely attended and the amount
realized was a goodly sum which will
be devoted to a charitable purpose.
The Whitford orchestra furnished the
music.

The country roads have been con-
siderably improved by the freezing
weather of the last few days and the
light fall of snow. A one day's thaw,
however, would spoil them again, ob-
literating the snow, and reducing the
road to a dirt road.

The Little Falls flouring mill has
had a serious breakdown owing to
the falling of some hard substance,
presumed to have been a stone, into the
large water wheel driving the machin-
ery in the Northwestern Milling com-
pany's plant. The mill will be shut
down from two weeks to a month on
that account.

"Aunt Jerusha Dow's Family Al-
bum" company of amateur players
will hold a rehearsal at the Congre-
gational church on Wednesday eve-
ning. The play which pleased such
large audiences in December will be
presented again on February 10th. A
large attendance is expected and
many were so pleased at the first per-
formance that they will come a sec-
ond time to see the "Album" and its
pictures.

D. M. Clark & Co., the oldest in-
stallment house in the city. Es-
tablished 28 years. Goods sold on
easy terms. 1101f

Mrs. Jacob Miller, of 621 South
Fifth street entertained a number of
her friends and neighbors at a card
party on Saturday evening. "500"
was played and a most enjoyable eve-
ning spent. The head prize was won
by Mrs. W. E. Fitzharris and the con-
solation prize by Mrs. John Witham.
Refreshments were served during the
evening and all present were pleased
by the entertainment provided by the
charming hostess.

In a letter from Clarence E. Heath,
of Hartford, Wash., a former Brainerd
resident, Mr. Heath states that a
marriage license costs the munificent
sum of \$50 and the cost of the li-
cense has checked many hasty and
silly infatuations. It takes money to

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ture the Young People's Socialist
League, will give a dance. Admis-
sion to dance 25 cents. Ladies free.

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MANY APPLICANTS ARE IN EVIDENCE

Local Civil Service Board Holds Examination for Rural Carrier on Route Four, West of City

SEVENTEEN TAKE THE TEST

New Route to be Established March 1st—Examination for First Grade Also Given

The local civil service board, consisting of Geo. W. Grewcock, secretary, W. A. Spencer and J. J. Nolan conducted an examination of candidates for positions in the classified service on Saturday afternoon at the Blackhawk club rooms in the Citizens State bank block. There were two examinations given, one for rural carriers and one for first grade or clerical positions. The new route which has been established by the department to become effective March 1st brought out a large class of candidates for carrier, thirteen having been furnished with cards of entrance by the civil service board at Washington, as follows:

R. R. Livingston, A. P. Nelson, J. M. Quinn, James W. McMannis, Bert A. Mahlum, Charles A. Barrett, Oscar R. Fox, J. W. Welsh, E. J. Eschenbacher, E. A. Palmer, H. C. Nubbe, Joseph Dade and H. M. Davis.

The new route will serve the people of West Brainerd practically the same as city delivery once a day and will continue west a distance of about 13 miles, going out on the north side of the track and returning on the south side. The service will be such that the residents of the west side of the river will receive their mail in the morning and the carrier will collect mail from their boxes on the return trip in the evening, thus giving them an opportunity to answer their correspondence and have it picked up and deposited in the postoffice the same day. It will be necessary for the patrons of the new route to supply themselves with rural mail boxes of an approved pattern which meets the requirements of the government and erect the same in a place convenient for the carrier to collect and deposit mail from it without dismounting from his rig. Mail will not be delivered to parties who have not erected an approved box, nor will the route be started until the boxes that the patrons of this route have agreed to erect are in position.

The candidates who were admitted to the first grade or clerical examination were J. A. Wilson, Arthur L. Munz, Edwin Thoe and Walter H. Northrup.

BUSY CUTTING ICE

Brainerd Ice Company Has 29 Teams at Work and Can Give Employment to More

The Brainerd Ice Co. is busily engaged in its annual ice harvest at Rice Lake. Twenty-nine teams are hauling the ice which measures 22 inches in thickness and which weighs 700 pounds on the cake. C. H. Paine when seen this morning said: "The ice is of good quality and perfectly pure. It's the best ice I have ever seen and patrons can rest assured that every cake is all ice and not topped with a layer of snow or slush ice. We have quite a few teams at work but can give employment to several more."

The work on the lake is in charge of St. Hall, who has been the foreman of this branch of the work for the last ten years. At the platform all teams are served in their turn and there is no rushing. The gasoline engine and hoisting chains are working satisfactorily and the platform is constantly kept filled.

\$100 REWARD, \$100
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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NO BONUS WANTED

Superior Telegram Comments on Business Enterprise of Northwest Paper Co.

The Superior Telegram, of Superior, Wis., under the caption of "No Bonus Wanted" comments editorially on the new mammoth paper mill which the Northwest Paper Co. is to erect in Brainerd. The article reads:

"Brainerd, Minn., is to have a big paper mill, which will use the water power developed there 23 years ago. Brainerd and Crow Wing county have been paying taxes ever since the big dam was built and the big sawmill was bonused, to meet the interest and principal of the sums paid for bonuses, paid in evasion of the law, which forbids bonuses for private enterprises."

"The mill was since moved away, but the water power dam across the Mississippi river could not be moved. The mill was bonused to the extent of \$100,000. The water has been running over the dam for nearly a quarter of a century, used only to a slight extent for power. But now an enterprise better than any procured by the bonuses comes without a bonus and pays its own way. It will not move away as soon as the bonus period is covered. It is backed up by substantial capital—by men who want no bonus. Altogether this is another proof that the giving of bonuses does not pay."

RAID THE "JUNGLES"

Chief Quinn and Truant Officer Pippy After Boy Shack Owners of South Side

Chief of Police Quinn and Special Truant Officer Pippy on Saturday evening rode down a tar paper shack built by boys in the territory on South Broadway known as the "jungle." At half past nine in the evening the officers entered the shack and found a dozen young hopefuls cooking various supplies and having a good time.

With their place of refuge destroyed the juvenile celebration came to a sudden end and the officers cautioned them about building any more shacks and starting any more clam bakes.

Notice

Gardner Hall will be ready to let for dances or social functions of any kind within a week.

J. S. GARDNER.

Four New Iron Drills

Four new iron drills were unloaded at the Ft. Ripley depot on Friday in the anticipation of drilling for iron ore there in the near future, according to the Transcript.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"Miss Nobody From Starland"
"Miss Nobody From Starland," the unique musical comedy revue will be produced here on Thursday evening, Feb. 16th, at the Brainerd opera house for one night only. This attraction is one of Mort H. Singer's coming direct from the Princess theatre, Chicago, after enjoying a reputation of an entire season's run there. The book, lyrics and music are by Adams-Hough-Howard and Mitchell, authors of the "Flirting Princess," "The Goddess of Liberty," "The Golden Girl," "A Stubborn Cinderella," "The Time, The Place and The Girl," and many others. Some of the musical gems in "Miss Nobody From Starland" are: "It Must Be Good to be a General, But I'd Rather Lead the Band," "My Gingham Man," "Every Girl I Love is Someone's Wife," "Marry Me or Else I'll Marry You," "Kiss Me, I'll be Your Honey When it's Moonlight," "Say No More About It," "An Maria, Maria Tarrantelle," "I'd Rather Love What I Cannot Have, Than Have What I Cannot Love," "I am a Tar, Particular," "I'm in Love With Love" and many others.

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SAUNDERS IS "SHERLOCK"

Arrests Two Hunters in Minneapolis 3 Months After They Violated Game Laws

Deputy Game Warden J. P. Saunders of Deerwood, may hereafter travel in the Sherlock Holmes class, as the following story will show that he is entitled to this honor.

On or about November 19th Dr. C. A. Lapiere and J. H. Lallibirtie, of Minneapolis were hunting in the northern woods of this state. Neither was able to bag any game and so each purchased a deer which had been illegally killed and then returned in triumph to Minneapolis and told in detail to their various club fellow members how they had shot their deer and packed them out of the woods.

Yesterday Deputy Game Warden Saunders appeared on the scene and spoiled the entire hunting story by arresting them and bringing them before Judge Charles Smith of Minneapolis, who fined each man \$50 and costs. Mr. Saunders deserves great credit for the manner in which he traced his men. The campaign he has inaugurated will do much to check the practice of buying game killed out of season by pot hunters who are making a regular practice of this kind of illegal hunting. When the purchasers see what is in store for them the sale of such deer will soon be stopped.

PRaises THE GRAND

Tom Lancaster in the "Players," New York City, Gives the Theater Several Bouquets

The "Player," published in New York City, every Friday, is the official organ of the White Rats Actors' Union and Associated Actors of America. It pays particular attention to vaudeville, burlesque, lyceum, dramatic, circus and musical work. The association of which it is the official organ is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

One of the recent vaudeville actors who pleased the Grand audiences was Tom Lancaster and in a recent letter to "The Players," entitled "On My Way," he gives the Grand theater the following bouquets:

"The most beautiful little theater I have ever encountered is the Grand, at Brainerd, Minn., where we spent the first half of our week. Everything from the front to the back wall is really rich and in good taste, and one's own home could not be kept more scrupulously clean and comfortable. Two shows a night are given, and the bill, while consisting usually of one act, two reels of pictures and an illustrated song, is nevertheless of a very high class, and the 'best people of the town' are regular patrons of the house."

Mr. Jud Wright is the owner, and Tom Truss, an old timer, manages the house and delightfully lectures upon the pictures."

ANNUAL MEETING

Ladies' Musical Club Holds Annual Meeting on Saturday—New Officers Elected

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Musical Club, which was held last Saturday at Elks hall. The following program was given:

Songs:—
(a.) Four Leaf Clover.....Coombs
(b.) How Many Times Do I Love Thee?.....Cowles
(c.) A Bowl of Roses.....Clarke
Miss Liza Armstrong

Piano Solos:—
(a.) Nocturne (op. 9, No. 2.....Chopin
(b.) Etude Mignonne.....Schutt
Miss Ora Glass

Treasurer's annual report, Mrs. Henry I. Cohen.

The officers elected for the following year are:
President—Mrs. Henry I. Cohen.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. D. M. Clarke.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. D. Polk.
Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Thabes.
Cor. Sec'y—Miss May Whiteley.
Light refreshments were then served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed. As this closes the eighth club year, its prosperous condition is gratifying to its members and friends.

PRES. TAFT WAS A REPORTER

So Was Mayor Gaynor, of New York City.—No Profession Has Higher Ideals

The Cleveland Plain Dealer pays the following generous compliment to the reporters of this country, who, like other people, are human and like to feel that their work is appreciated, even if only in a small measure. The encomium reads as follows:

"A small-brained man is often known by the breaks he makes. Give him a public office and his mental incapacity is likely to be emphasized. "Newspaper reporters, says the 4th deputy police commissioner of New York, are 'thick-skulled, thick-skinned, thick-headed or else they could not be reporters.' For a fourth deputy with more superior officers than an average office boy, this is rather a sweeping generalization. "The highest executive position in the world is occupied by a former reporter. He is William H. Taft. The most important municipal office in the world is held by a former reporter. He is William J. Gaynor."

"No profession on earth has higher ideals nor maintains a better average of honor among its followers than does the newspaper profession. And the majority of newspaper men the world over are reporters."

JAMES WILLIS PASSES AWAY

After 15 Months Illness of Diabetes The Young Man Passed Away at Two This Morning

James E. Willis, aged 35 years and single, passed away at his home, 411 North 9th street at two o'clock this morning, after a 15 months' illness. He had been suffering with diabetes and although everything possible was done for the young man, he failed rapidly.

He was born and raised in Brainerd and attended the local high school. He was employed at the shops as a machinist, being well liked by all his friends and associates there. He was a regular attendant at the services of St. Francis Catholic church and was a devoted member of the congregation.

The deceased leaves surviving his mother, Mrs. Flora Willis; a sister, Miss Lizzie Willis, and five brothers, John, Will, Angus, Leo and Elmer, all of whom will be present to attend the funeral which will be held at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning from St. Francis Catholic church, Rev. Father O'Mahoney officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery. The sympathy of their many friends is extended to the family in its sad bereavement.

PIONEER FARMER DIES

Samuel Campbell, Aged 84 Years, Died This Morning at His Home in Daggett Brook

Samuel Campbell, aged 84 years and single, died this morning at his farm home in Daggett Brook township. He was one of the pioneer farmers of Crow Wing county and known to nearly all the residents of the county.

John Campbell, a brother with whom the deceased had made his home, brought the news of his death to the city this morning. The funeral will be held on Wednesday and burial will be at St. Mathias.

FOR SALE

Three houses on Fir street. Good bargains if taken at once. Enquire 1013 Fir St. 2106p

Dance and Card Party

America Lodge, No. 46, Degree of Honor, will give a dance, card party and lunch at the Elks hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 7th. Tickets 25c. All invited. 20913 COMMITTEE.

WHY PAY RENT

Buy or build a home on monthly payments. Talk to me about it. B. C. WILLIAMS, Room 6, Bane Block. 202112

SHOCKED THE GUIDE.

Antics of an Irreverent Visitor at the National Capitol.

A big man with a fierce, bristling gray beard and wearing a broad brimmed slouch hat marched down the main corridor of the capitol, closely followed by a guide at a dog trot. They had inspected statutory hall and the rotunda and looked in at the chamber of the supreme court, and the visitor had made no other comment on the sights shown him than to utter an occasional grunt, snort or growl.

The big man paused at the end of the corridor and jerked his head toward a carpeted passage.

"What's them burglars doing to-day?" he demanded.

"The senate is not in session, sir," said the guide in a shocked voice.

After the visitor had departed the guide sat down on his chair in front of the statue of Daniel Webster and mopped his heated brow.

"That's one kind that comes here," he said. "We have all kinds, but his style is the hardest to deal with. Called the senate burglars—you heard him—and he kicked at everything else I showed him. That kind comes prepared to kick. They ain't got no patriotism at all, and a United States senator ain't no more to them than a doorkeeper. Why, I'm afraid to take men like him into the supreme court. Likely as not they'll say something disrespectful right out loud. Do you know what that one said when I showed him statutory hall? He says, 'Who are all these crooks?' Then he wanted to know how much all them statues cost the government and who got the rakeoff. I told him they were given by the states, and he said that was once when the states put one over."

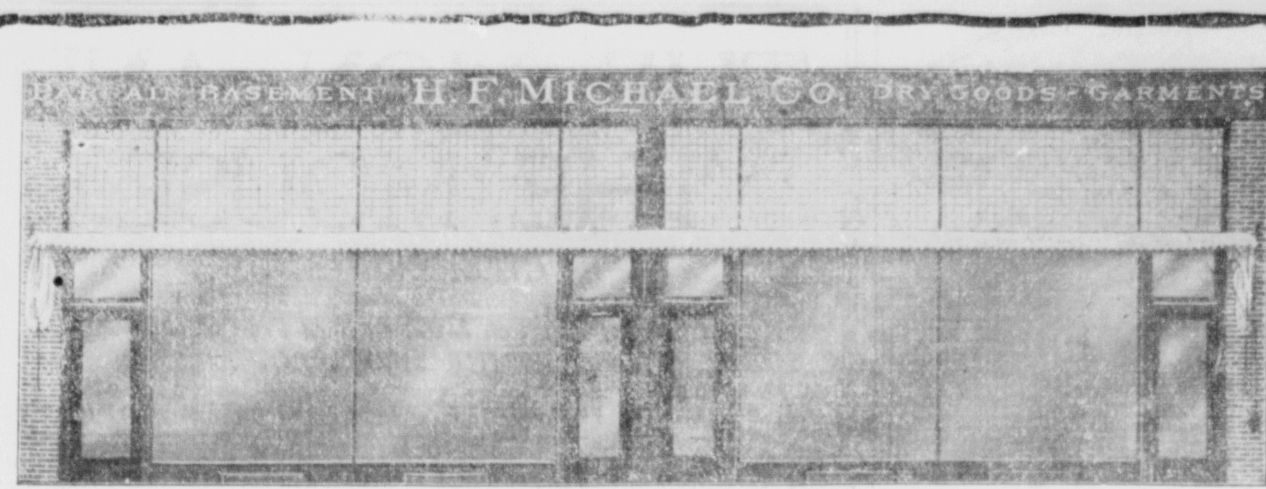
"You wouldn't think," said the guide, with a sigh, "that patriotic Americans could come here and be so callous about the things they see. They seem to begrudge giving a dollar to be shown the place where Webster stood when he made his reply to Hayne. I don't know what the country's coming to. I've been a guide here twenty years, but I never thought I'd live to hear the senate called burglars."—Washington Cor. Kansas City Star.

Hallucinations of Henbane.

Henbane bears a remarkable reputation for creating the most extraordinary hallucinations. Dr. Houlton relates that some monks who ate the roots by mistake for parsnips transformed their monastery into a lunatic asylum. One monk rang the bell for matins at midnight, and of those of the community who attended some could not read, others "fancied the letters were running about like ants," and some read what was not in their books. Even the exhalations from these pretty but very poisonous flowers produce these weird effects.—Westminster Gazette.

BEST AND HEALTH TO MOTHER AND CHILD.

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HIS GIRL FRIENDS.

Mark Twain Dearly Loved Children as Playmates.

THE ANGEL FISH SOCIETY.

A Delightful and Touching Story About Little Margaret, One of Its Members, and the Genial Humorist—A Pretty Compact and a Quaint Letter.

Like many another great man, Mark Twain was fond of children. He never outgrew childhood, and he always chose young playmates where they were to be found. He formed curious societies of these girl friends. Back in the nineties, when he was living in Europe, he created a club which was to consist of one (only one) girl in each country of the globe, the duty of said member being to write occasionally to the chief officer, who faithfully replied to these random and far flaring messages. Of course these little girls were swept into womanhood presently, but even to the last years of his life the member who signed herself "France" remained faithful to the law.

Another club of girls, little girls, became one of the chief interests during his final years. It had its beginning in Bermuda during one of his frequent visits to those happy islands. It was called the Angel Fish club, after a gorgeous swimmer of those waters, and he gave to each member an angel fish pin as a society badge. It was a successful club, and on his return to America he elected other members, enough to make twelve in all.

His home at Redding, Conn., Stormfield, had been originally named Innocence at Home, and as Angel Fish headquarters Innocence at Home it always remained. Members with their parents visited him there, and the billiard room, where the "fishes" were likely to spend most of their time knocking the balls about, under the chief member's instruction, was called the Aquarium, and gay prints of many Bermuda fishes were hung along the walls to carry out the idea. Each member had the privilege of selecting one of those as her patron fish and of identifying it with her name.

It was in Bermuda one day when he was walking along the beach with one of his angel fish members that he picked up a small iridescent double shell, delicately binged together. He separated it and handed his companion half. "You will be going away from me pretty soon, Margaret," he said, "and growing up, and I won't know you any more. I shall see a great many Margarets, and now and then one of them will say she is my Margaret, but I will say, 'No; you resemble my Margaret, but you are bigger than my Margaret, and I can't be sure.' Then I will take out this shell and I will say, 'If you are really my Margaret you will have the other half of this shell, and it will fit exactly.' Then if she has the shell and it fits I shall know that it is really my Margaret, no matter how many years have gone by or how much older she has grown."

All this he said very gravely and earnestly, and the little girl took the shell thoughtfully and promised to keep it always. Next morning when she came running up to meet him on the hotel veranda he looked at her questioning.

"You look like Margaret," he said, "but I can't be sure. If you are really my Margaret you will have a shell I gave her once—the mate to this one!"

He got no further. The tall man was promptly produced, and it fitted exactly. He returned to America, and somewhat later Margaret received a letter—what of the pretty letters he was always writing to children. In it he said:

I am always making mistakes. When I was in New York six weeks ago I was on a corner of Fifth avenue and saw a small girl—not a big one—start across from the opposite corner, and I exclaimed to myself joyfully, "That is certainly my Margaret!" so I rushed to meet her. But as she came nearer I began to doubt and said to myself, "It's a Margaret, that is plain enough, but I'm half afraid it is somebody else's." So when I passed her I held my shell so she couldn't help but see it. Dear, she only glanced at it and passed on. I wondered if she could have overlooked it. It seemed best to find out, so I turned and followed and caught up with her and said deferentially, "Dear miss, I already know your first name by the look of you, but would you mind telling me your other one?" She was vexed and said, pretty sharply: "It's Douglas, if you're so anxious to know. I know your name by your looks, and I'd advise you to shut yourself up with pen and ink and write some more rubbish. I am surprised that they allow you to run at large. You are likely to get run over by a baby carriage any time. Run along now and don't let the cows bite you." "What an idea! There aren't any cows on Fifth avenue. But I didn't smile. I didn't let on to perceive how uncultured she was. She was from the country, of course, and didn't know what a comical blunder she was making."

Margaret, with her mother, called when they returned to America. When the cards were brought to him he looked at hers and said:

"Well, the young lady, her name seems familiar, but I can't be sure it's my Margaret without a certain token which she is supposed to carry as a proof." The shell came up without delay. He took the two halves now to a jeweler and had them set in gold as charms. One of these Margaret wore on a ribbon about her neck, and the other he linked to his watch chain, where it remained till he died. What a sweet fancy it all was!

He spent the last months of his life in Bermuda in the home of one of his angel fish, Helen Allen, daughter of the American vice consul there. She was his daily companion, and it will

be her lifelong happy memory that she brightened and comforted his final days.—Albert Bigelow Paine in Ladies' World.

The Adoration of the Wig.

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"You can rest easy," said Ryder. "That is practically settled. Jefferson's sending for you proves that he is now ready to meet my wishes. He'll be here any minute. How is the Rossmore case progressing?"

"Not so well as it might," growled the senator. "There's a lot of maudlin sympathy for the judge. He's a pretty sick man by all accounts, and the newspapers seem to be taking his part. One or two of the western senators are talking corporate influence and trust legislation, but when it comes to a vote the matter will be settled on party lines."

"That means that Judge Rossmore will be removed?" demanded Ryder sternly.

"Yes, with five votes to spare," answered the senator.

"That's not enough," insisted Ryder. "There must be at least twenty. Let there be no blunders, Roberts. The man is a menace to all the big commercial interests. This thing must go through."

The door opened, and Jefferson appeared. On seeing the senator talking with his father, he hesitated on the threshold.

"Come in, Jeff," said his father pleasantly. "You expected to see Senator Roberts, didn't you?"

"Yes, sir. How do you do, senator?" said the young man, advancing into the room.

"I got your letter, my boy, and here I am," said the senator, smiling affably. "I suppose we can guess what the business is, eh?"

"That he's going to marry Kate, of course," chimed in Ryder senior. "Jeff, my lad, I'm glad you are beginning to see my way of looking at things. You're doing more to please me lately, and I appreciate it. You stayed at home when I asked you to, and now you've made up your mind regarding this marriage."

Jefferson let his father finish his speech, and then he said calmly:

"I think there must be some misapprehension as to the reason for my summoning Senator Roberts to New York. It had nothing to do with my marrying Miss Roberts, but to prevent her marriage with some one else."

"What?" exclaimed Ryder senior. "Marriage with some one else?" echoed the senator. He thought he had not heard aright, yet at the same time he had grave misgivings. "What do you mean, sir?"

Taking from his pocket a copy of the letter he had picked up on the stairs, Jefferson held it out to the girl's father.

"Your daughter is preparing to run away with my father's secretary. Tomorrow would have been too late. That is why I summoned you. Read this."

The senator took the letter and as he read his face grew ashen and his hand trembled violently. At one blow all his ambitious projects for his daughter had been swept away. The inconsiderate act of a silly, thoughtless girl had spoiled the carefully laid plans of a lifetime. The only consolation which remained was that the calamity might have been still more serious. This timely warning had saved his family from perhaps an even greater scandal. He passed the letter in silence to Ryder senior.

The financier was a man of few words when the situation called for prompt action. After he had read the letter through there was an ominous silence. Then he rang a bell. The butler appeared.

"Tell Mr. Bagley I want him."

The man bowed and disappeared. "Who the devil is this Bagley?" demanded the senator.

"English—blue blood—no money," was Ryder's laconic answer.

"That's the only kind we seem to get over here," growled the senator. "We furnish the money; they furnish the blood. Hang his blue blood! I don't want any in mine." Turning to Jefferson, he said: "Jefferson, whatever the motives that actuated you, I can only thank you for this warning. I think it would have broken my heart if my girl had gone away with that scoundrel. Of course, under the circumstances I must abandon all idea of your becoming my son-in-law. I release you from all obligations you may have felt yourself bound by."

Jefferson loved and remained silent. Ryder senior eyed his son closely, an amused expression hovering on his face. After all, it was not so much he who had desired this match as Roberts, and as long as the senator was willing to withdraw he could make no objection.

He wondered what part, if any, his son had played in bringing about this sensational denouncement to a match which had been so distasteful to him, and it gratified his paternal vanity to think that Jefferson after all might be smarter than he had given him credit for.

At this juncture Mr. Bagley entered the room. He was a little taken aback on seeing the senator; but, like most men of his class, his self-conceit made him confident of his ability to handle any emergency which might arise, and he had no reason to suspect that this hasty summons to the library had anything to do with his matrimonial plans.

"Did you ask for me, sir?" he demanded, addressing his employer.

"Yes, Mr. Bagley," replied Ryder, fixing the secretary with a look that filled the latter with misgivings. "What steamers leave tomorrow for England?"

"Tomorrow?" echoed Mr. Bagley. "I said tomorrow," repeated Ryder, slightly raising his voice.

"Let me see," stammered the secretary. "There is the White Star, the North German Lloyd, the Atlantic Transport."

"Have you any preference?" inquired the financier.

"No, sir, none at all."

"Then you'll go on board one of the ships tonight," said Ryder. "Your

things will be packed and sent to you before the steamer sails tomorrow."

The Hon. Fitzroy Bagley, third son of a British peer, did not understand even yet that he was discharged as one dismisses a housemaid caught kissing the policeman. He could not think what Mr. Ryder wanted him to go abroad for unless it were on some matter of business, and it was decidedly inconvenient for him to sail at this time.

"But, sir," he stammered, "I'm afraid I'm afraid."

"Yes," rejoined Ryder promptly, "I notice that your hand is shaking."

"I mean that I—"

"You mean that you have other engagements?" said Ryder sternly.

"Oh, no—no, but—"

"No engagement at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning?" insisted Ryder.

"With my daughter?" chimed in the senator.

Mr. Bagley now understood. He broke out in a cold perspiration, and he paled visibly. In the hope that the full extent of his plans were not known, he attempted to brazen it out.

"No, certainly not, under no circumstances," he said.

Ryder senior rang a bell.

"Perhaps she has an engagement with you. We'll ask her." To the butler, who entered, he said, "Tell Miss Roberts that her father would like to see her here."

The man disappeared, and the senator took a hand in cross examining the now thoroughly uncomfortable secretary.

"So you thought my daughter looked pale and that a little excursion to Buffalo would be a good thing for her? Well, it won't be a good thing for you, young man, I can assure you of that!" The English aristocrat began to wilt. His assurance of manner quite deserted him, and he stammered painfully as he floundered about in excuses.

"Not with me—oh, dear, no," he said.

"You never proposed to run away with my daughter?" cried the irate father.

"Run away with her?" stammered Bagley.

"And marry her?" shouted the senator, shaking his fist at him.

"Oh, say, this is hardly fair, three against one, really, I'm awfully sorry, eh, what?"

The door opened, and Kate Roberts bounced in. She was smiling and full

of animal spirits, but on seeing the stern face of her father and the pitiable picture presented by her faithful Fitz she was intelligent enough to immediately scent danger.

"Did you want to see me, father?" she inquired boldly.

"Yes, Kate," answered the senator gravely, "we have just been having a talk with Mr. Bagley, in which you were one of the subjects of conversation. Can you guess what it was?"

The girl looked from her father to Bagley and from him to the Ryders. Her aristocratic lover made a movement forward as if to exculpate himself, but he caught Ryder's eye and remained where he was.

"Well?" she said, with a nervous laugh.

"Is it true?" asked the senator, "that you were about to marry this man secretly?"

She cast down her eyes and answered:

"I suppose you know everything."

"Have you anything to add?" asked her father sternly.

"No," said Kate, shaking her head.

"It's true. We intended to run away, didn't we, Fitz?"

"Never mind about Mr. Bagley," thundered her father. "Haven't you a word of shame for this disgrace you have brought upon me?"

"Oh, papa, don't be so cross. Jefferson did not care for me. I couldn't be an old maid. Mr. Bagley has a lovely castle in England, and one day he'll sit in the house of lords. He'll explain everything to you."

"He'll explain nothing," rejoined the senator grimly. "Mr. Bagley returns to England tonight. He won't have time to explain anything."

"Returns to England?" echoed Kate, dismayed.

"Yes, and you go with me to Washington at once."

The senator turned to Ryder.

"Goodby, Ryder. The little domestic comedy is ended. I'm grateful it didn't turn out a drama. The next time I pick out a son-in-law I hope I'll have better luck."

He shook hands with Jefferson and left the room, followed by his crestfallen daughter.

Ryder, who had gone to write something at his desk, strode over to where Mr. Bagley was standing and handed him a check.

"Here, sir. This settles everything to date. Good day."

"But I—I—" stammered the secretary helplessly.

"Good day, sir."

Ryder turned his back on him and conversed with his son, while Mr. Bagley slowly and as if regretfully made his exit.

CHAPTER XV.

IT was now December, and the senate had been in session for over a week. Jefferson had not forgotten his promise, and one day, about two weeks after Mr. Bagley's spectacular dismissal from the Ryder residence, he had brought Shirley the two letters. She did not ask him how he got them, if he forced the drawer or procured the key. It sufficed for her that the precious letters, the absolute proof of her father's innocence, were at last in her possession. She at once sent them off by registered mail to Stott, who immediately acknowledged receipt and at the same time announced his departure for Washington that night. He promised to keep her constantly informed of what he was doing and how her father's case was going. It could, he thought, be only a matter of a few days now before the result of the proceedings would be known.

The approach of the crisis made Shirley exceedingly nervous, and it was only by the exercise of the greatest self control that she did not betray the terrible anxiety she felt. The Ryder biography was nearly finished, and her stay in Seventy-fourth street would soon come to an end. She had a serious talk with Jefferson, who contrived to see a good deal of her, entirely unsuspected by his parents, for Mr. and Mrs. Ryder had no reason to believe that their son had any more than a mere working acquaintance with the clever young authoress. Now that Mr. Bagley was no longer there to spy upon their actions these clandestine interviews had been comparatively easy. Shirley brought to bear all the arguments she could think of to convince Jefferson of the hopelessness of their engagement. She insisted that she could never be his wife; circumstances over which they had no control made that dream impossible. It was better, she said, to part now rather than incur the risk of being unhappy later. But Jefferson refused to be convinced. He argued and pleaded, and he even swore—strange, desperate words that Shirley had never heard before and which alarmed her not a little—and the discussion ended usually by a kiss which put Shirley completely hors de combat.

Meantime, John Ryder had not ceased worrying about his son. The removal of Kate Roberts as a factor in his future had not eliminated the danger of Jefferson taking the bit between his teeth one day and contracting a secret marriage with the daughter of his enemy, and when he thought of the mere possibility of such a thing happening he stormed and raved until his wife, accustomed as she was to his choleric outbursts, was thoroughly frightened. For some time after Bagley's departure, father and son got along together fairly amicably, but Ryder senior was quick to see that Jefferson had something on his mind which was worrying him, and he rightly attributed it to his infatuation for Miss Rossmore. He was convinced that his son knew where the judge's daughter was, although his own efforts to discover her whereabouts had been unsuccessful.

Sergeant Ellison had confessed absolute failure. Miss Rossmore, he reported, had disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed her, and further search was futile. Knowing well his son's impulsive, headstrong disposition, Ryder senior believed him quite capable of marrying the girl secretly any time. The only thing that John Ryder did not know was that Shirley Rossmore was not the kind of a girl to allow any man to inveigle her into a secret marriage. The Colossus, who judged the world's morals by his own, was not, of course, aware of this, and he worried night and day thinking what he could do to prevent his son from marrying the daughter of the man he had wronged.

The more he pondered over it the more he regretted that there was not some other girl with whom Jefferson could fall in love and marry. He need not seek a rich girl—there was certainly enough money in the Ryder family to provide for both. He wished they knew a girl, for example, as attractive and clever as Miss Green. Ah, he thought, there was a girl who would make a man of Jefferson—brave, ambitious, active! And the more he thought of it the more the idea grew

on him that Miss Green would be an ideal daughter-in-law and at the same time snatch his son from the clutches of the Rossmore woman.

Jefferson during all these weeks was growing more and more impatient. He knew that any day now Shirley might take her departure from their house and return to Massapequa. If the impeachment proceedings went against her father it was more than likely that he would lose her forever, and if, on the contrary, the judge were acquitted Shirley never would be willing to marry him without his father's consent, and this, he felt, he would never obtain. He resolved therefore to have a final interview with his father and declare boldly his intention of making Miss Rossmore his wife regardless of the consequences.

The opportunity came one evening after dinner. Ryder senior was sitting



"How dare you presume to judge my intentions?"

alone in the library reading; Mrs. Ryder had gone to the theater with a friend; Shirley, as usual, was writing in her room, giving the final touches to her now completed "History of the Empire Trading Company." Jefferson took the bull by the horns and boldly accosted his redoubtable parent.

"May I have a few minutes of your time, father?"

Ryder senior laid aside the paper he was reading and looked up. It was unusual for his son to come to him on any errand, and he liked to encourage it.

"Certainly, Jefferson. What is it?"

"I want to appeal to you, sir. I want you to use your influence before it is too late to save Judge Rossmore. A word from you at this time would do wonders in Washington."

The financier swung half round in his chair, the smile of greeting faded out of his face, and his voice was hard as he replied coldly:

"Again? I thought we had agreed not to discuss Judge Rossmore any further."

"I can't help it, sir," rejoined Jefferson, under the influence of his squire's hostile attitude. "That poor old man is practically on trial for his life. He is as innocent of wrongdoing as a child unborn, and you know it. You could save him if you would."

"Jefferson," answered Ryder senior, biting his lip to restrain his impatience. "I told you before that I could not interfere even if I would, and I won't, because that man is my enemy. Important business interests which you cannot possibly know anything about, demand his dismissal from the bench."

"Surely your business interests don't demand the sacrifice of a man's life!" retorted Jefferson. "I know modern business methods are none too squeamish, but I should think you'd draw the line at deliberate murder!"

Ryder sprang to his feet and for a moment stood glaring at the young man. His lips moved, but no sound came from them. Suppressed wrath rendered him speechless. What was the world coming to when a son could talk to his father in this manner?

"How dare you presume to judge my actions or to criticize my methods?" he burst out finally.

"You force me to do so," answered Jefferson hotly. "I want to tell you that I am heartily ashamed of this whole affair and your connection with it, and since you refuse to make reparation in the only way possible for the wrong you and your associates have done Judge Rossmore—that is, by saving him in the senate—I think it only fair to warn you that I take back my word in regard to not marrying without your consent. I want you to know that I intend to marry Miss Rossmore."

more as soon as she will consent to become my wife—that is," he added, with bitterness, "if I can succeed in overcoming her prejudices against my family!"

Ryder senior laughed contemptuously.

"Prejudices against a thousand million dollars?" he exclaimed skeptically. "Yes," replied Jefferson decisively, "prejudices against our family, against you and your business practices. Money is not everything. One day you will find that out. I tell you definitely that I intend to make Miss Rossmore my wife."

Ryder senior made no reply, and as Jefferson had expected an explosion, this unnatural calm rather startled him. He was sorry he had spoken so harshly. It was his father, after all.

"You've forced me to defy you, father," he added. "I'm sorry."

Ryder senior shrugged his shoulders and resumed his seat. He lit another cigar and with affected carelessness he said:

"All right, Jeff, my boy, we'll let it go at that. You're sorry—so am I. You've shown me your cards—I'll show you mine."

His composed, unruffled manner vanished. He suddenly threw off the mask and revealed the tempest that was raging within. He leaned across the desk, his face convulsed with uncontrollable passion, a terrifying picture of human wrath. Shaking his fist at his son he shouted:

"When I get through with Judge Rossmore at Washington, I'll start after his daughter. This time tomorrow he'll be a disgraced man. A week later she will be a notorious woman. Then we'll see if you'll be so eager to marry her!"

"Father!" cried Jefferson.

"There is sure to be something in her life that won't bear inspection," sneered Ryder. "There is in everybody's life. I'll find out what it is. Where is she today? She can't be found. No one knows where she is, not even her own mother. Something is wrong—the girl's no good!"

Jefferson started forward as if to resent these insults to the woman he loved, but, realizing that it was his own father, he stopped short and his hands fell powerless at his side.

"Well, is that all?" inquired Ryder senior, with a sneer.

"That's all," replied Jefferson. "I'm going. Goodby."

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